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Consider the following events in the history of India: 1. Rise of Pratiharas under King Bhoja 2 Establishment of Pallava power under Mahendravarman-I 3. Establishment of Chola power by Parantaka 4. Pala dynasty founded by Gopala What is the correct chronological order of the above events, starting from the earliest time? (a) 2-1-4-3 (b) 3-1-4-2 (c) 2-4-1-3 (d) 3-4-1-2
Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

2-1-4-3. Puts Bhoja before Gopala.

(b)

3-1-4-2. Parantaka is tenth century; Pallava Mahendravarman is much earlier.

(c) Official key

2-4-1-3. **Mahendravarman I** (early 7th) → Gopala (mid-8th) → Bhoja Pratihara (9th) → **Parantaka I** (early 10th).

(d)

3-4-1-2. Starts too late.

Summary

Official key is (c) 2-4-1-3. Pallava **Mahendravarman I** is earliest (c. 600-630). Gopala founds the Palas (c. 750). Mihira Bhoja of the Pratiharas is ninth century. **Parantaka I** Chola is early tenth.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Mahendravarman I

Pallava; Mandagapattu; contemporary of Pulakeshin II.

Parantaka I

Chola; first half of the 10th c.

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